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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/10/05.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C 112, first paragraph, because the base station is the only configuration in the claim, which does not appear in combination with another. A single means, in the claim, which cover every conceivable means for achieving the stated purpose, is non-enabling for the scope of the claim. Therefore, it rejected under 35 U.S.C 112, first paragraph of single means. See MPEP 2164.08 (a).

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-20 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims are allowable over the prior art of record since the cited references taken individually or in combination fails to particularly discloses a data loading method in a communication system where subcarriers include eigenmodes, comprising: estimating a channel matrix; calculating a singular value decomposition of the estimated channel matrix for obtaining eigenvalue estimates; defining biases between eigenvalues and eigenvalue estimates and performing a channel estimation reliability test based on the defined biases; carrying out bias compensation for eigenvalue estimates based on the defined biases; calculating equivalent power gain; arranging eigenmodes into a predetermined number of clusters, each cluster comprising eigenmodes of different quality

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levels; pre-allocating transmission power to the eigenmodes according to their capacity by using the calculated equivalent power gain; determining collective transmission power to be allocated to each cluster based on the pre-allocation; selecting the optimum modulation and coding scheme and allocating collective transmission power to the eigenmodes.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Walton et al. (Pub. No. 2004/0120411 A1) discloses closed-loop rate control for a multi-channel communication system.

Wallace et al. (Pub. No. 2005/0185728 A1) discloses calibration of downlink and uplink channel responses in a wireless MIMO communication system.

Walton et al. (Pub. No. 2004/0184398 A1) discloses transmission mode selection for data transmission in a multi-channel communication system.

Vaidyanathan (U.S. Patent No. 7099678 B2) discloses system and method for transmit weight computation for vector beamforming radio communication.

Onggosanusi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7110378 B2) discloses channel aware optimal space-time signaling for wireless communication over wideband multipath channels.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PHUC H. TRAN whose telephone number is (571) 272-3172.


The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, CHI PHAM can be reached on (571) 272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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